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- ☒ patent application of  
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☐ divisional patent application of  
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For: Nondestructive Inspection Method and Apparatus

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

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the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

☒ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 16 page(s) of specification  
☒ 5 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 17 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s).  
☐ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration.  
☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☒ A certified copy of a Japanese application.  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97, Form PTO-1449, and four references.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.

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RATE	FEE
	\$345.00
x \$9.00 =	
x \$39.00 =	
+ \$130.00 =	
TOTAL	

## OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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	\$710.00
x \$18.00 =	\$162.00
x \$80.00 =	\$400.00
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